

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13 and 20-21 without prejudice, and amend claims 14, 15, and 17 as follows:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between the adjacent bus lines;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers directly formed on the same layer, an insulating layer directly formed on the plurality of metal layers so as to completely cover surfaces of the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting the metal layers via the contact hole, and

wherein the connecting layer is formed of a same material as each pixel electrode in the plurality of pixels.

15. (Currently Amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal

display, comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of data bus lines and gate bus lines;

a first common wiring connected to the data bus lines;

a second common wiring connected to the gate bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed to be an only connection between the first common wiring and the second common wiring;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers directly formed on the same layer as the first common wiring or the second common wiring, an insulating layer formed on the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting the metal layers via the contact hole.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal

display, comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of bus lines;

an electrostatic protection element portion having a multi-layer structured metal layer in which a top layer is partially removed and an under layer directly below the top layer is exposed;

an insulating layer formed on the metal layer;

a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the metal layer;

and

a connecting layer electrically connecting the top layer and the under layer of the metal layer via the contact hole, respectively;

wherein a contact resistance between the connecting layer and the metal layer can be increased, and

wherein the contact resistance through the contact hole on the metal layer is equal to 35 to 36k Ω .

18. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the insulating layer is a single layer.

19. (Previously Presented) An active matrix type liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the connecting layer is a single layer.

20-21. (Cancelled)